

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2433

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself and Mr. SIMMONS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care for Vet-
5 erans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO VETERANS WHO**
2 **PARTICIPATED IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WAR-**
4 **FARE TESTING.**

5 Section 1710(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
8 following new clause:

9 “(E) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a veteran
10 who participated in a test conducted by the Department
11 of Defense Deseret Test Center as part of a program for
12 chemical and biological warfare testing from 1962 through
13 1973 (including the program designated as ‘Project Ship-
14 board Hazard and Defense (SHAD)’ and related land-
15 based tests) is eligible for hospital care, medical services,
16 and nursing home care under subsection (a)(2)(F) for any
17 illness, notwithstanding that there is insufficient medical
18 evidence to conclude that such illness is attributable to
19 such testing.”.

20 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking out “sub-
21 paragraph (1)(C) or (1)(D)” and inserting “sub-
22 paragraph (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (1)”; and

23 (3) in paragraph (3)—

24 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
25 paragraph (B);

1 (B) by striking the period at the end of
2 subparagraph (C) and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 subparagraph:

5 “(D) in the case of care for a veteran described
6 in paragraph (1)(E), after December 31, 2005.”.

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